Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community

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Theme: We're All in This Together

Welcome and Gathering

MaryAl: Welcome to our Zoom liturgy at Mary Mother of Jesus, an inclusive Catholic Community where all are welcome.

Please have bread and wine/juice and a candle nearby as we pray our Eucharistic prayer.

Whoever you are,
Wherever you are,
Just as you are,
You are welcome at this table. (*Integral Christianity by Paul Smith*)

Let us now take a few minutes to collect ourselves as we prepare to focus our minds and our hearts on our knowledge that we are all one, brought together at this time to transform ourselves and our world through love; love for our Holy One, love for our neighbors, love for ourselves, and love

for our planet. Let us begin our liturgy by expressing this love through song.

Gathering Song: In This Together

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUHZsEtJXdk

Opening Prayer

Kathryn: In the name of our Creator, Jesus our brother, and Holy Spirit Wisdom, we gather to celebrate our oneness with and in you and in all things. This Great Mystery is the foundation and template for the entire universe, and when fully experienced, has the capacity to change everything. We seek to fully understand this Great Mystery, but more importantly to understand how we live it in our lives. Let our ears hear, our eyes see, and our hearts receive as we remember and expand the power of love on Earth. During challenging times, we live with the certainty that you walk with us, Infinite One. We know that we are not alone, and we know that we are intended to walk together; united as one people, one planet, and one universe, loving and caring for one another. ALL: Amen

Rite of Transformation

MaryAl: We pause now to remember the times we have not born fruit in caring for self, others, and our planet Earth. Take a moment to recall one missed opportunity, one broken or damaged relationship. (Pause briefly and extend your hand over your heart)
Mary Al and ALL: As we ask for and receive forgiveness, we open our hearts to Infinite Love embracing and healing us. Let it be so! Alleluia!

A Joyful Gloria: Linda Lee Miller and graphics by Rick Miller
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lA5l0nODZI

Liturgy of the Word

Suzanne: First Reading: The Hopi Elders Speak: We Are the Ones We've Been Waiting For

You have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour.

Now you must go back and tell the people that this is The Hour.

And there are things to be considered:

- **Where are you living?**
- **What are you doing?**
- **What are your relationships?**
- **Are you in right relation?**
- **Where is your water?**
- **Know your garden.**
- **It is time to speak your Truth.**

Create your community. Be good to each other. And do not look outside yourself for the leader.

This could be a good time!

There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart, and they will suffer greatly.

Know the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open, and our heads above the water. See who is in there with you and celebrate.

At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally. Least of all, ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt.

The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves!

Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary.

All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration.

We are the ones we've been waiting for.

These are the inspired words of The Elders Oraibi, Arizona Hopi Nation and we affirm them by saying, ALL: Amen.

Alle, Alle, Alleluia: Linda Lee
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID5UGWcS6Ws

Jerry: Gospel Reading: A Reading from the Gospel of Mary Magdalene - page 10

Then Peter said to Mary, "Sister, we know that you are greatly loved by the Saviour, more than any other woman. Tell us those words of His that you remember, the things which you know and we don't, the teachings we never heard."
Mary answered, saying: "What is hidden from you I shall reveal to you. Whatever is unknown to you, and I remember, I will tell you."
And she began saying these words to them. She said, "Once I saw the Lord in a vision and I said to him: 'Lord, [Rabbouni,] now I see you in this vision.'
He answered me and said: 'Blessed are you Mary, for you do not waver at the sight of me. How wonderful you are! For this is where the treasure lies - in [that place where heaven and earth meet, where deep understanding arises in the heart and mind], 'the nous'."
I asked him this: 'Now tell me Lord, how does a person see such a vision, is it through the agency of their soul or through The Spirit?'
The Saviour answered: 'It is neither through the soul nor through The Spirit, but through the understanding which arises between the two, that is how the vision is seen."

These are the inspiring words of the Gospel writer known as Mary Magdalene and we affirm them by saying: ALL: Amen.

Alle, Alle, Alleluia: Linda Lee
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Homily Starter and Community Sharing

Communal Statement of Faith

MaryAl and ALL: Together let us profess our Faith.

We believe in our Creator who has not forgotten us, rather is ever and always present with us.

We believe in Jesus, the Word incarnate, who journeyed on the earth, blessing the sick, making whole the broken, healing many, instilling faith in his followers so that they may continue the work He began.

We believe in Christ, the everlasting Presence in our world in our universe.

We believe in the Spirit of Life, the breath of wisdom Sophia, who stays present and real to us during this great human struggle we face today and in the days ahead.

We believe in the communion of saints, our heavenly friends who walk with us in love as we continue our life journey.

We believe in one another and our individual and collective response to being diligent in following the directives given by medical professionals at this time.

We believe in the partnership and equality of women and men in our Church and our world. Here we live our prophetic call of Gospel equality.

We believe that kin-dom is here and now, stretched out all around us for those with eyes to see it, hearts to receive it,
and hands to make it happen.

MaryAl: We pray that the Holy One renew in our hearts our commitment to journey always in faith and hope as we reach out and support, comfort and love those closest to us, those who live in our country and all the people of the earth.

Prayers of and for the Community

Suzanne: We now bring our prayer intentions to the Table, saying, "I bring to the Table…"

Our response is: Our faith sustains us.

We pray for all those suffering as a result of the natural disasters taking place on our planet.
Response: Our oneness sustains us.

We pray for all who are suffering, lonely, and without faith or hope.
Response: Our oneness sustains us.

We pray for all those living in the conditions of war and fear.
Response: Our oneness sustains us.

We pray for the intentions in our MMOJ community prayer list. (Joan shares)
Response: Our oneness sustains us.

And, for what else should we pray?

Response: All: Our oneness sustains us.

Suzanne: Holy Mystery may we respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers in loving prayer and solidarity. Amen

Presentation of the Bread and Wine

Jerry: Gracious God, you have set the banquet table and have invited all of us to a feast of unending delight. Blessed are You, Holy One, through Your divine providence we have this bread, to share, the Bread of Life.

Jerry and All: Blessed are You, Holy One, forever.

Kathryn: Blessed are You, O Loving One through Your divine providence we have this wine to share, our spiritual drink.

Kathryn and All: Blessed are, You, Holy One, forever.

Suzanne: Let us lift up our hearts.

Suzanne and All: We lift them up to the Holy One, abiding with us and loving through us.

Eucharistic Prayer

MaryAl: Gracious Wisdom, you embrace us with your extravagant affection in our times of both blessedness and weakness. Even though we have times of doubt, we know You are always with us…you living in us and we living in you. In this festive meal, your Spirit is poured out on each of us gathered in the circle of your friends and disciples, we also ask that your Spirit be spread to those of our community who are not with us today.

Let us rejoice as we sing:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Linda Lee Miller
(adapted from Holy, Holy, Holy by Karen Drucker)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orKBBIj5LZA

Jerry: We thank you for the gift of Jesus of Nazareth in history -- and the gift of Jesus in faith. On earth, his life burned with the vision of his mission on earth. Through the example of his life – his teachings and actions - he showed us not only how we should live, but also what was worth even dying for.

Mary Al: When his time on earth had come to an end, Jesus – aware of and accepting his destiny – gave us his life for the values that he deeply believed, lived and taught…his conviction that love is stronger than death. And then, in providing an example of this wisdom for all people in ages to come, he opened wide his arms…and died. And the spirit that lived in Jesus resurrected him to a new life, a promise made to all of us too who live the new story. Jesus is with us today and he will be through the end of time.

(With an outstretched arm, we pray the consecration together.

MaryAl: We remember the gift that Jesus gave us on the night before he died. He gathered with his friends to share a final Passover meal. And it was at that supper that Jesus took bread, said the blessing and shared it with them saying: take this, all of you, and eat it. This bread is you; this bread is me. We are one body, the presence of God in the world. When you do this, remember me and all that I have taught you. This is the new and everlasting covenant.

[short pause]

Kathryn: In the same way, Jesus took a cup of wine, said the blessing and gave it to his friends saying: take this, all of you, and drink it. This wine is you; this wine is me. We are one blood, the presence of God in the world. When you do this, remember me and all that I have taught you. This is the new and everlasting covenant.

Kathryn: Jesus, who was with God "in the beginning of the creation of the heavens and the earth," is with us now in this bread. The Spirit, of whom the prophets spoke in history, is with us now in this cup. Let us proclaim this mystery of faith.

Kathryn and All: Jesus has died. Christ is risen. The Divine Presence lives in us and through us in the world today.

Mary Al: God, we know that you bless your church throughout the world. We, your people, ask for your grace that we may continually grow in our love and caring for Francis, our Pope, Bridget Mary, our Bishop and for everyone with whom we come in contact, especially those who live on the margins of church and society. They are all our brothers and sisters, members of your Blessed Family. We remember also all those, living and dead, who touched our lives and left their footprints on our hearts. We remember especially….*(mention names here, if you would like to..)*

Jerry and All: We believe that the Spirit of God is at work in and among us and will do more than we could ever ask or imagine. We believe that it is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Creator God, forever and ever.

Great Amen: Linda Lee Miller
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dy76fpfkNsg

COMMUNION RITE

The Prayer of Jesus

Suzanne: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Suzanne and All: O Holy One, you are within, around, and among us. We celebrate your many names. Your wisdom come, your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us. Each day you give us all we need. You remind us of our limits, and we let go. You support us in your power, and we act with courage. For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us, now and forever. Amen Adapted, Miriam Therese Winter, MMS

Sign of Peace:

Jerry: *Eternal wellspring of peace-*
May we be drenched with the longing for peace
That we may give ourselves over
As the earth to the rain, to the dew,
Until peace overflows our lives

As living waters overflow the seas. **(Marcia Falk)**

Jesus said to his disciples, "My peace I leave you. My peace I give you." Let us now extend a sign of peace to one another as we say, "Namaste, Namaste, Namaste."

Suzanne: Please join in praying the Litany for the Breaking of the Bread:

Suzanne and All: Holy One, You call us to speak truth to power; we will do so.

Holy One, You call us to live the Gospel of healing and justice; we will do so.

Holy One, You call us to be Your presence in the world; we will do so.

MaryAl: This is the bread of life and the cup of blessing. Blessed are we who are called to Christ's table.

MaryAl and All: May we live as the Body of Christ in the world, serving all in need, especially those living on the margin.

Kathryn: Please receive/share Eucharist now, saying: "You are the bread of life." And "You are the cup of compassion."

Communion Song: Amazing Grace sung in Cherokee and English by Misty Rose
https://youtu.be/7319EGJw3Gg

Introductions/Thanksgiving/Announcements

Closing Community Prayer

MaryAl: A Prayer for Leadership By Joan Chittister

Give us, O God,
leaders whose hearts are large enough
to match the breadth of our own souls
and give us souls strong enough
to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek
more than development for ourselves—
though development we hope for—
more than security for our own land—
though security we need—
more than satisfaction for our wants—
though many things we desire.

We beg you, Great God,
give us the vision as a people
to know where global leadership truly lies,
to pursue it diligently,
to require it to protect human rights
for everyone everywhere.

All: Amen! And let it be so!

Closing Community Blessing

Kathryn: Please raise your hands in blessing: And together with our arms extended to one another we say an Apache Blessing:

May the sun bring you new energy by day,
may the moon softly restore you by night,
may the rain wash away your worries,
may the breeze blow new strength into your being,
may you walk gently through the world and
know it's beauty all the days of your life.

ALL: Thanks be to all that is holy! Amen and Alleluia!

Closing Song: One Love by Bob Marley
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCH-aRXQjbM

If you would like to add your intercession to our MMOJ Community Prayers book,
Please send an email to jmeehan515@aol.com
If you would like to invite another person to attend our liturgy please refer them to
www.marymotherofJesus.net where the day's liturgy is found. Zoom instructions are also included there.

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